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# Chester & Lorene Beeler (Trust)

Case No. 10CEPR00880

Attorney

Bagdasarian, Gary G. (for Frances Beeler Albers – Beneficiary – Petitioner)
Petition of Beneficiary to Appoint Successor Trustee

Chester Beeler DOD: 12/29/09			FRANCES BEELER ALBERS, Beneficiary, is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/ COMMENTS:
Mary Lorene Beeler DOD: 4/2/10		er	Petitioner states the Chester & Lorene Beeler Trust was created 4/12/07. CHESTER PORTER BEELER and GAIL BROWN were designated as the initial cotrustees pursuant to the Third Amendment dated 7/3/08.	<u>SEE PAGE 2</u>
>	Aff.Sub.Wit. Verified Inventory PTC		As a result of the resignation of Gail Brown, a vacancy has developed in the office of trustee. No provision was made in said trust for the appointment of a successor trustee.	
> >	Not.Cred. Notice of Hrg Aff.Mail Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv.	W	The sole asset of the trust is an Installment Note (interest included) dated 8/27/07 in the face amount of \$171,000.00 executed by Bentotage Premaial Desilva and Damayanthi Desilva, which is secured by a Deed of Trust and Assignment of Rents recorded e9/7/07 in Fresno County Records as Document No. 2007-0167311. The unpaid balance as of 6/20/15 is \$158,381.87	
	Conf. Screen  Letters  Duties/Supp  Objections  Video Receipt		The Third Amendment to the Trust does not provide for the appointment of a successor trustee.  Petitioner as income beneficiary requests that the Court appoint MATT BICKEL, a licensed California fiduciary, as Successor Trustee (consent attached) with bond of \$160,000.00 due to the vacancy.	
>	CI Report 9202 Order Aff. Posting		Petitioner states the beneficiaries entitled to notice of this petition are Anna B. Hinley, Elizabeth Beeler Rogers, Gail Brown, Frances Albers, and West Park Baptist Church.	Reviewed by: skc
	Status Rpt UCCJEA Citation FTB Notice		Petitioner requests that:  1. The Court appoint Matt Bickel as Successor Trustee of the Chester & Lorene Beeler Living Trust dated 4/12/07;  2. The Court order that a bond of \$160,000.00 be obtained by the Successor Trustee with a receipt to be filed; and  3. The Court make all further and proper orders	Reviewed on: 8/27/15 Updates: Recommendation: File 1 – Beeler
			that the Court may deem necessary. <u>SEE ADDITIONAL PAGES</u>	

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Attorney Bagdasarian's declaration filed 8/26/15 states Gail Brown is the current trustee, and was formerly represented by Attorney Gregory Roberts. It is alleged that Gail Brown has failed to continue to administer the trust and was contacted through her counsel to resign as trustee. Mr. Roberts indicated that he would recommend same to Ms. Brown. However, on further contact with Mr. Roberts, he indicates that he has not been able to contact Ms. Brown to determine her willingness to resign and obtain the resignation on her behalf.

Mr. Bagdasarian indicates that it is imperative that a trustee be appointed to continue to administer the trust, including the collection of payments under a promissory note and the payment of fiduciary income taxes. Therefore, request is made that Matt Bickel be appointed as Successor Trustee with bond of \$160,000.00.

## **NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:**

- 2. Petitioner states the resignation of Gail Brown is attached as Exhibit C; however, no Exhibit C is attached. Mr. Bagdasarian's later declaration indicates that there may not be a signed resignation. Need clarification.
- 4. On 9/24/13, this Court granted Trustee Gail Brown's Petition for Settlement of her Second and Final Account and Report, which included <u>final distribution</u> of various trust assets, including the subject Installment Note as follows:
  - To Elizabeth Beeler Rogers and John H. Beeler, 5.625% each or 11.25%
  - To Anna B. Hinley and Frances Beeler Albers (Petitioner), 18.0% each or 36.0%
  - To Fresno Rescue Mission 52.75%

This petition does not address that Order or allege whether any distribution occurred thereto, including distribution of the subject Installment Note or any of the other assets. Need clarification. Were the other assets distributed pursuant to the Order, leaving only this Installment Note as an asset of the trust? If so, why?

5. Petitioner lists five parties entitled to notice as "income beneficiaries" at Paragraph 7, but does not include certain parties to whom shares of the subject Installment Note were distributed pursuant to the 9/24/13 order, namely, John H. Beeler and Fresno Rescue Mission.

Further, this list should include each person entitled to notice of proceedings regarding the trust pursuant to Probate Code §17201, which based on the above details, may include more than just the five income beneficiaries of this particular trust asset.

Therefore, need complete list of persons entitled to notice of these proceedings. Continuance may be required for notice to those entitled thereto.

6. Petitioner requests appointment of a successor trustee, but does not appear to request removal of the current trustee or provide grounds for removal pursuant to Probate Code §15642. Need clarification. At this point, there does not appear to be a vacancy, since no resignation has been filed. If granted, the Court may require a revised order including removal of Ms. Brown as trustee.

## Dale W. Balagno Revocable Trust

Case No. 13CEPR00389

Atty Kruthers, Heather (for Public Administrator – Petitioner)
Atty Armo, Lance E. (for Joseph Balagno – Beneficiary)

Atty Gromis, David Paul (for Nicholas Kovacevich – Former Trustee)

Atty Johnson, Summer (for Mary Pond – Respondent)

First and Final Account and Report of Successor Trustee; Petition for Allowance of Compensation to Successor Trustee and her Attorney; and for Distribution

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FRESNO COUNTY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR, Successor Trustee, is Petitioner.

Account period: 10/15/13 - 5/27/15

Accounting: \$560,600.75
Beginning POH: \$516,776.66
Ending POH: \$503,035.65
(\$464,108.72 cash plus personal property)

Successor Trustee (Statutory): \$14,129.06

Successor Trustee (Extraordinary): \$248.00 (preparation, filing tax returns)

Bond fee: \$2,102.27

**Costs: \$141.50** (to pay to Fresno Superior Court for certified copies)

**Reserve: \$400.00** (for payment of any tax preparation after date of this

account)

**Reserve: \$25,000.00** (pursuant to settlement agreement, for fees that may be awarded to the former trustee and his attorney)

Petitioner states the children and longtime girlfriend of Dale W. Balagno entered into a settlement agreement regarding distribution of assets as follows:

**Linda Sue Balagno:** \$101,880.95 cash plus Bersa handgun, 2005 Ford Mustang, 1965 Chevy Pickup, and 1985 Harley Davidson

**Lori Jo Brown:** \$101,880.96 cash plus Colt pistol, Smith & Wesson handgun, 2002 Harley Davidson

Joseph Dale Balagno: \$101,880.96 cash plus Beretta handgun, Smith & Wesson handgun, .80 round of ammunition, .25 rounds of ammunition, Yellow ring with stones, Peugeot watch, Harley Davidson watch, Geneva watch, 2005 Harley Davidson

Mary Pond: \$101,880.96 cash

### **NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:**

Note: Status Report of Counsel for Mary Pond and Request for Continuance of Hearing on First and Final Account was filed 7/27/15. Attorney Summer Johnson states after review of the accounting, several items came to her attention for which answers were not easily obtained. The status report requested additional time to discuss and resolve the issues in lieu of filing an objection.

Minute Order 7/28/15: Parties request and agree to preliminary distribution to each of the four beneficiaries in the amount of \$50,000,00.

<u>Note</u>: Order After Hearing Authorizing Preliminary Distribution was entered 7/29/15.

Note: Order Re Attorney's Fees and Costs was entered 8/10/15 and mailed to attorneys David Gromis, Lance Armo, and Heather Kruthers. (It does not appear that attorney Summer Johnson, who represents Ms. Pond, was included in this mailing.)

Note: The amounts authorized in the 8/10/15 Order do not appear to exceed the \$25,000.00 reserved for this purpose in this petition.

- Need receipts for the preliminary distribution from Linda Sue Balagno, Lori Jo Brown, Joseph Dale Balagno, and Mary Pond.
- 2. Given the preliminary distribution, need recalculation of final distribution and revised order.

Reviewed by: skc

Reviewed on: 8/27/15

Updates:
Recommendation:

File 6 – Balagno

# 12 Scott Directo (GUARD/E)

Case No. 15CEPR00438

Attorney

Willoughby, Hugh W. (for Tiffany-Lin Directo – Mother – Guardian)

Status RE: Receipt for Blocked Account

	TIFFANY-LIN DIRECTO, Mother, was	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	appointed Guardian of the Estate on	
	6/16/15 without bond, funds to be placed into a blocked account.	Need receipt for deposit of additional funds from Metlife or
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Cont. from 071415	At the hearing on 6/16/15, the Court set	Local Rule 7.5.
Aff.Sub.Wit.	this status hearing for the filing of the	
Verified	receipt for blocked account.	
Inventory	Status Report filed 7/9/15 states funds	
PTC	= have not yet been received from either	
Not.Cred.	of the two insurance companies	
Notice of	(METLIFE and BANNER LIFE). Counsel is	
Hrg	informed that it will be a minimum of 7-	
Aff.Mail	10 business days before the claims are	
Aff.Pub.	acted upon and proceeds disbursed.  Therefore, Mr. Willoughby requests	
Sp.Ntc.	= continuance of 30 days.	
Pers.Serv.	=	
Conf.	On 8/18/15, a receipt was filed	
Screen	indicating that funds had been	
Letters	received from Banner Life Insurance	
Duties/Supp	Company and placed into a blocked account at EECU.	
<b>Objections</b>	=	
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FTB Notice		File 12 - Directo

Willoughby, Hugh W. (for Tiffany-Lin Directo – Mother – Guardian)
Status RE: Receipt for Blocked Account

	TIFFANY-LIN DIRECTO, Mother, was appointed Guardian of the Estate on	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	6/16/15 without bond, funds to be placed into a blocked account.	Need receipt for deposit of additional funds from Metlife or
Cont. from 071415	At the hearing on 6/16/15, the Court set	written status report pursuant to Local Rule 7.5.
Aff.Sub.Wit.	this status hearing for the filing of the	
Verified	receipt for blocked account.	
Inventory	Status Report filed 7/9/15 states funds	
PTC	have not yet been received from either	
Not.Cred.	of the two insurance companies	
Notice of	(METLIFE and BANNER LIFE). Counsel is	
Hrg Aff.Mail	informed that it will be a minimum of 7- 10 business days before the claims are	
Aff.Pub.	acted upon and proceeds disbursed.	
Sp.Ntc.	Therefore, Mr. Willoughby requests	
Pers.Serv.	continuance of 30 days.	
Conf.	On 8/18/15, a receipt was filed	
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Duties/Supp	Company and placed into a blocked	
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Citation	=	Recommendation:
FTB Notice	=	File 13 - Directo

# 18 Ruben Espinoza Frausto (Estate) Attorney Wheeler, Richard T. (for Ruben Frausto, J

Case No. 15CEPR00612

Wheeler, Richard T. (for Ruben Frausto, Jr., and Jennifer Luna – Petitioners)
Petition for Letters of Administration; Authorization to Administer Under the IAEA

DOD: 2/11/15			RUBEN FRAUSTO, JR., and JENNIFER LUNA,	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			Son and Daughter, are Petitioners and request that <b>RICHARD T. WHEELER</b> be appointed Administrator with Full IAEA without bond.	Note: The Court will set status hearings as follows:
Col	Cont. from 072815		William Bolia.	Tuesday, February 2, 2016 for
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Petitioners are the sole heirs and waive	the filing of the Inventory and
~	Verified		bond.	Appraisal
	Inventory		Full IAEA – ok	Tuesday Nevember 14 2014 for
	PTC		FUII IAEA - OK 	Tuesday, November 14, 2016 for the filing of the first account or
	Not.Cred.		Decedent died intestate	petition for final distribution
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	Hrg		Residence: Fresno	If the proper items are on file
~	Aff.Mail	W	Publication: Fresno Bee	pursuant to Local Rule 7.5, the
>	Aff.Pub.		Estimated value of estate:	status hearings may come off calendar.
	Sp.Ntc.		Personal property: \$22,000.00	Culcinadi.
	Pers.Serv.		Real property: \$156,335.00, encumbered	
	Conf.		for \$110,580.00	
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	Citation			Recommendation: SUBMITTED
	FTB Notice			File 18 – Frausto

Attorney Frame, Ted R. (for Laverne T. Coelho – Executor)

Second and Final Report of Administration of Estate by LaVerne T. Coelho as Executor, and Petition for Final Distribution on waiver of Account, and Waiver of Compensation of Personal Representative and Attorney

DOD: 4/7/96		NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
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